

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following listing of claims:

1. **(original)** A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of seating positions, a seating position comprising a seat and a footwell, the footwell of a first seating position being located beside the seat of a second seating position, the second seating position being located generally forward of the first seating position, wherein each seat is operable into a reclined state in which a leg-supporting component of the seat projects into the associated footwell, and wherein the first seating position and the second seating position overlap in a transverse direction.

2. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat is associated with one or more armrests, and wherein at least a respective armrest of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

3. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the respective seats of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

4. **(original)** A seating position as claimed in Claim 3, wherein each seat includes a back and a base and wherein, when the seats are in the reclined state, the respective backs of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

5. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein each seating position comprises a respective region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on the seat in its reclined state, and wherein a respective arm-receiving region of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

6. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein said footwells are shaped to become narrower in said forward direction.

7. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 6 ~~when dependent on claim 5~~, wherein each seating position comprises a respective region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on the seat in its reclined state, and wherein a respective arm-receiving region of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein at least some of said arm-receiving regions become wider in said forward direction.

8. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for one or more of said seats and to define a respective footwell on one or both sides of the or each seat station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

9. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the shell is shaped so that the or each seat station becomes wider, and the or each footwell becomes correspondingly narrower, in said forward direction.

10. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the second seating position overlaps with the footwell of the first seating position in said transverse direction.

11. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

12. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10 ~~or 11 when dependent on claim 3~~, wherein the respective seats of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the seat of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

13. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 12 when dependent on Claim 4~~, wherein each seat includes a back and a base

and wherein, when the seats are in the reclined state, the respective backs of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the back of the seat, when reclined, of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

14. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 13 when dependent on Claim 5,~~ wherein each seating position comprises a respective region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on the seat in its reclined state, and wherein a respective arm-receiving region of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein an arm-receiving region of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

15. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 14 when dependent on Claim 8 or 9,~~ further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for one or more of said seats and to define a respective footwell on one or both sides of the or each seat station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the seat station for the seat of the second seating position overlaps or overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

16. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 10 ~~any one of Claims 10 to 15,~~ wherein the footwell of the first seating position becomes narrower in a direction generally away from a ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use.

17. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the footwell of the first seating position narrows at an inflected portion, the inflected portion being located between the leg support component of the seat, when reclined, of the first seating position and the back of the seat, when reclined, of the seat of the second seating position.

18. **(currently amended)** A seating portion as claimed in Claim 15 ~~or 16, when dependent on Claim 8 or 9,~~ further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for

one or more of said seats and to define a respective footwell on one or both sides of the or each seat station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the shell is shaped so that the or each seat station becomes wider, and the or each adjacent footwell becomes correspondingly narrower, in said direction generally away from the ground surface.

19. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein each seat comprises a back, a seat base and the leg-supporting component and, when moving from an upright state to the reclined state, the back, seat base and leg-supporting component each move in a generally forward direction.

20. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein at least one of said seating positions includes an armrest comprising a shelf overhanging the respective seating position in the transverse direction.

21. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20, wherein said shelf overhangs the respective seat.

22. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20 ~~or 21~~, ~~when dependent on any one of Claims 8 or 9~~, further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for one or more of said seats and to define a respective footwell on one or both sides of the or each seat station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein said armrests are fixed with respect to the shell.

23. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20 ~~or 21~~, wherein, when the seat is in the reclined state, the or each respective armrest overhangs the back of the respective seat.

24. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein, in the reclined state, each seat provides a respective sleeping surface that is substantially horizontal with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests

during use.

25. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the shell is shaped to define a respective station for two or more seats in a row.

26. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 ~~any preceding claim when dependent of Claim 8 or 9~~, wherein the shell comprises a portion for accommodating the back of a seat, said portion being fixed in a fore-and-aft direction.

27. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 ~~any preceding claim when dependent of Claim 8 or 9~~, wherein the shell comprises a portion for accommodating a back rest of a seat, said portion being movable in a fore-and-aft direction.

28. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein each footwell is partially enclosed to define a console adjacent one or both respective seats.

29. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 28, wherein each console is shaped to define a respective armrest adjacent the or each adjacent seat, the or each armrest overlapping with the footwell beneath the console.

30. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 28 ~~or 29~~, wherein a table comprising one or more table leaves is associated with each console, the table being deployable from a stowed state in or on the console in which it is disposed generally parallel with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use.

31. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim when dependent of Claim 8 or 9~~, further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for one or more of said seats and to define a respective footwell on one or both sides of the or each seat station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the shell includes a respective buttress portion extending between adjacent seats,

or adjacent a single seat, the buttress portion being shaped to define a respective footwell.

32. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 31 ~~any preceding claim when dependent on any one of Claims 28 to 30~~, wherein each footwell is partially enclosed to define a console adjacent one or both respective seats, and wherein the buttress portion provides said console.

33. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 32 ~~when dependent on Claim 30~~, wherein a table comprising one or more table leaves is associated with each console, the table being deployable from a stowed state in or on the console in which it is disposed generally parallel with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use, and wherein the buttress portion includes a stowage area for said table.

34. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in ~~any preceding claim when dependent on~~ Claim 8, wherein the shell is shaped to define a respective generally upright web portion extending between adjacent seat stations, or adjacent a single seat station.

35. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said upright web portion includes a surface area disposed in a plane generally perpendicular to the forward direction, and wherein a monitor is carried by said surface area.

36. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 34 ~~or 35~~, wherein said upright web portion is shaped to provide a screen between passengers seated in adjacent seats.

37. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the footwell of the first seating position extends beyond the base of the seat, when upright, of the second seating position in the forward direction.

38. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein a plurality of said seating positions are arranged in rows and ranks, the rows being generally perpendicular to the ranks and being partitioned by one or more aisles,

the aisles being generally parallel with the ranks.

39. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, alternate rows comprising two seating positions and then three seating positions between the aisles.

40. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, alternate rows comprising two seating positions and then one seating position between the aisles.

41. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, each row comprising two seating positions between the aisles.

42. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, each row comprising three seating positions between the aisles.

43. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising one aisle, each row comprising a respective two seating positions on either side of the aisle.

44. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising one aisle, alternate rows comprising one seating position and then two seating positions on either side of the aisle.

45. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising three aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on both sides of each aisle.

46. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein a platform is provided within each footwell, and wherein, when the

associated seat is in the reclined state, the leg-supporting component of the seat closely approaches the platform within the footwell.

47. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein each seating position provides a respective sleeping compartment when the respective seat is in the reclined state, each sleeping compartment comprising the respective footwell and a sleeping surface projecting into the footwell, the sleeping surface comprising the respective seat when in the reclined state, and wherein the sleeping compartment of the first seating position and the sleeping compartment of the second seating position overlap in a transverse direction.

48. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 47, wherein the sleeping compartment of the second seating position overlaps with the footwell of the sleeping compartment of the first sleeping compartment in the transverse direction.

49. **(currently amended)** A seating component for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the component comprising one or more seats or seat stations and a respective footwell beside one or both sides of the seat, and being further adapted to construct a seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 48~~.

50. **(original)** A seating component as claimed in Claim 49 wherein the seat or seat station overlaps with the or each adjacent footwell.

~~50~~ 51. **(currently amended)** An aircraft comprising a seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 48~~.

~~51~~ 52. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of sleeping compartments, a sleeping compartment comprising a footwell and a sleeping surface projecting into the footwell, the footwell of a first sleeping compartment being located beside the sleeping surface of a second sleeping compartment, the second sleeping compartment being located generally forward of the first sleeping compartment, wherein the first sleeping compartment and the second sleeping

compartment overlap in a transverse direction.